PROCESSION OF CONGRESS (O) PRESIDENT IN BELGAUM

434. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether Samyukta Karnataka had published a news that a procession in which Sri Veerendra Patil, Congress (O) President and Sri Ramakrishna Hegde were sitting on elephants was taken out on 22nd January, 1974;

(b) Whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Ekikarana Samithi had announced that a procession would be taken on that day.

(c) Whether it is a fact that the permission was not granted to both pocession on the day;

(d) Whether it is a fact that inspite of the refusal to grant permission for taking out procession, the Congress (O) people had taken out procession under the protection of Police in Khasbag and Vadgoan in Belgaum City;

(e) Whether it is a fact that Sri Veerendra Patil had visited Shahapur Police Station and he was garlanded thereby the Police Officer ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister);—

(a) No

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(b) No such procession was taken out.

(e) No.

DAMAGE CAUSED TO TRUCKS BEARING MAHARASHRA REGISTRATION

435. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) The number of trucks bearing Maharashtra registration numbers that were burnt in the State in the month of December 1973 in the presence of police;

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Kannada speaking people had written slogans like Karantaka Zindabad, Veerendra Patil Zindabad and Devaraj Urs Murdabad on the trucks;

(c) The loss suffered due to burning of the trucks ;

(d) The number of persons arrested this connection?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) No trucks were burnt in the presence of the police.

(b) No

(c) About Rs. 11,92,000 inclusive of articles carried in the truncks.

(d) 10 persons.

PUBLICATION OF QUIT KARNATAKA PAMPHLET

436. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state: —

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a Quit Karnataka pamphlet in Kannada and English published by one Sri Vikram Itagi in Belgaum City and in Karnataka State in the month of December 1973.

(b) if so, whether anybody was arrested by the Government in this connection ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Sri Vikram Itagi was arrested and released on bail on 23-2-1974. In the case against him, a charge sheet has been submitted to the Court on 24-2-1974 and the matter is now subjudice.

MURDER OF TWO PERSONS AT ATHANI

440. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that two Marathi Speaking persons from Belgaum by name Ramesh Halagekar and Ramarao Halagekar were murdered by the Kannada speaking people at Athani in Belgaum District in the month of December 1973.

(b) whether it is a fact that dead bodies of the persons referred to in clause (a) were not allowed to be taken to their house at Belgaum.

(c) whether it is a fact that Liquor shop owned by the deceased was burnt by the Kannada speaking people in the month of December 1973.

(d) if so, the loss suffered as a result of burning of the liquor shop ?